



Errol Village Newsletter

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Tracking Achievement

Many of you will know that the Ontario curriculum documents are publicly available. [In fact, they can be found here.](#) An interesting aspect of the Ontario curriculum documents is a resource called the Achievement Chart. These charts are common frameworks comprised of consistent provincial performance standards for each subject/discipline. Educators use these charts in many ways including to help plan learning tasks and to inform their assessment/evaluation of student learning.

The Achievement Chart is comprised of four categories that reminds us that learning doesn't always have to come in the form of students acquiring specific knowledge. The four categories are Knowledge and Understanding, Thinking, Communication, and Application.

As shared in previous newsletters, the document that we use provincially to guide our assessment and evaluation practices in Ontario schools is called [Growing Success](#).

Regards,
Mr. Coyle

Daily COVID Screener and Confirmation

The Ministry of Education has directed all elementary and secondary students to confirm they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening.

The Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening is available here:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

There are two different procedures:

1) Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students

Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten - Grade 3 students will confirm the completion of the COVID-19 screener in one of the following ways:

- respond to the automated email sent in the morning
- confirming with the school office staff by emailing Ms. Boersma at carolin.boersma@lkdsb.net

Following the morning attendance, school office staff will contact parents/guardians of students who are present and have NOT confirmed completion of the screening.

2) Grade 4 to Grade 8 Students

The teacher will confirm with the student that they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening that day. If a student has not completed the screener, they are to complete the screener. Regular safety protocols will remain in place for students who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms once at school.

Before School on the Yard

We've received direction that beginning March 7 students will remain outside on the school yard prior to the bell before the school day begins. For parents/guardians, there should not be a noticeable difference for them during morning drop-off. For students, this means that they will spend the times between 8:50 – 9:05 out on the yard. We will have supervision available on both sides of the yard during that time each day. As always, for the safety of our students, please remember that supervision at the school is not available until 8:50 and students dropped off at the school before that time will not have access to supervision.

Upcoming Dates

March 1	'Count Me In LKDSB' Survey Begins
March 14	March Break Begins
March 21	Return to School After March Break
March 21	Rocks and Rings Materials Arrive
March 24	Hot Lunch (Subway) Day
March 25	'Count Me In LKDSB' Survey Ends
April 15	Good Friday (no school)
April 18	Easter Monday (no school)
May 11	Spring Photos and Grad Retakes

Rocks and Rings

Mrs. Cressman was kind enough to organize an opportunity for our students during the week after March Break (March 21-25). Our school will be receiving resources that week that we can use in our gym to learn more about the sport of curling. During the Olympics, many students expressed an

interest in learning more about this sport. There are many connections to the Ontario curriculum that we can also tie into this experience.

Hot Lunch Day (Subway)

Thank you to our School Council and Ms. Boersma for organizing another hot food day for our students to be held on March 24th. The food from Subway will arrive for the students during our first lunch.

Thank You to Our School Community!

Thank you to everyone in our community for helping to bolster our book acquisition for the Learning Commons. Our school community raised over \$1700 from book fairs that we used to buy books. As well, we had several community members come forward to donate books. Mr. Coqu and his dedicated team of student volunteers have been busy organizing the materials to be added to our school's inventory.



Traffic Update

Thank you to everyone for being so cautious when driving near the school, especially during 'drop off' and 'pick up' times.

Recently, the LKDSB has secured the services of surveyors to look at our school's property to investigate potential solutions for the traffic congestion.

I.E.P.s

If you have a child with an Individual Education Plan, you should expect their I.E.P. for Term 2 to be sent home on Friday, March 11th.

Lost and Found

You can access some pictures from our lost and found by [clicking this link](#). Please contact the school if you would like to collect any of these items.

Basketball Teams

We are excited to share that extra-curricular basketball teams for both boys and girls (grades 7 and 8) has begun. Teams will compete with various schools around the LKDSB. We wish all of our student athletes good luck on their seasons. A big thank you to Mr. Coqu, Mr. Woolridge, Mrs. Bedard, and Ms. Feniak for volunteering to coach this year's teams.

School Council

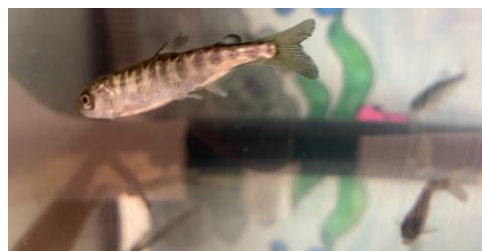
Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24th at 6 p.m. At this point, we are planning for the meeting to be digital, however, we will pivot to a face-to-face meeting in the Learning Commons if we are able. Please mail Mr. Coyle if you would like a digital invitation to the meeting.

Kindergarten Registration

We continue to accept kindergarten registrations for next year. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will be four by December 31st, 2022, please contact our office.

Mini-Salmon Hatchery

Our students continue to watch our fish within our mini-salmon hatchery grow. The plan, eventually, is for the fish to be released into a nearby body of water. Here is a current picture of the fish:



'Count Me In LKDSB'

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) is launching the *Count Me In LKDSB* Student Census March 1-25, 2022 to collect information to better understand its students and school communities.

More information about this initiative can be found by [clicking here](#).

Hand Hygiene

Hand hygiene is explicitly taught by our staff and is very important to maintain a healthy child. Before transitioning to other activities, removal of face coverings, using learning tools, eating lunch, and using technology, etc., students are encouraged to either wash their hands at the sink or use the school-provided hand sanitizer. Signage and stations have been added to the school. Wall pumps for sanitizers have been installed throughout the school.

Here is a [helpful video](#) that we use during our morning announcements to remind us about the importance of hand hygiene.

Daily Student Absences and Telephone Usage

We have a telephone answering service, therefore if your child is or will be absent, please call the school and leave a message. This assists us as we need to contact the parents of all absent students as part of our Safe Arrival Policy each day. The answering service can be accessed 24 hours a day 7 days

a week.

To decrease the amount of office/class interruptions and phone calls home for students, we request that students take time at home to ensure they have what they need to be adequately prepared for classes. Lunches, books, projects, supplies, etc. should accompany the students when they leave for school each day. This is vitally important during our COVID-19 guidelines as visitors are not expected at the school during the day. We do appreciate your cooperation and support in preparing your child(ren) to become responsible citizens.

End of Day Dismissal

When alternate arrangements are made by families for dismissal times, we please ask that you notify the office. This will ensure that the message is communicated so staff and student are aware of the change.

Bus Students/Inclement Weather

The Board's Transportation Department has placed schools in geographic zones. **Errol Village Public School is located in ZONE 1. However, we do have buses running in Zones 1 & 4.** Please visit www.cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/ for updated information. When listening for cancellation of buses for fog/snow the zones will be announced for our students.

School Cash Online

The Errol Village School community has done a tremendous job in registering and using School Cash Online.

School Cash Online is a convenient, web-based solution that gives parents the ability to pay for student items online.

Parents/guardians can connect multiple

students to their account; multiple parents/guardians can be connected to individual students. School staff will add items for your child for payment and indicate whether the item is optional or required. Parents will receive a notification when a new item has been added.

To set up an account and learn more, please contact Ms. Boersma. Additional information can be found at <https://lkdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

